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# Meeting of September 24, 2012

# Board Approves Final Stages of Measure M2 M2020 Plan



The board directed OCTA staff to initiate an amendment process for the Measure M2 Transportation Investment Plan and develop a financial plan that would meet the anticipated M2020 cash flow requirements. These two steps are based on the latest M2 revenue forecasts and must be taken in order to complete funding and financing.

The development of an M2020 Plan began in November 2011. The plan outlines projects and programs of the Renewed Measure M that can be completed between now and 2020.

The M2020 plan includes expanding rail services, funding for the fixed-guideway connections to Metrolink as well as street and road improvements.

The Measure M2 M2020 plan objectives include:

- Completing two-thirds of the freeway program and environmentally clearing the remaining projects
- Investing nearly \$1.2 billion of funding for streets and roads improvements
- Expanding rail options and funding fixed guideways
- Continuing environmental programs

A public hearing date on the amendments is set for Nov. 9. At this meeting the board will vote on which amendments will be implemented.

## Metrolink Ridership on the Rise in Orange County

Results for the fourth quarter 2011-2012 Metrolink ridership are out and Orange County rails are seeing an influx in passengers. Total ridership for the quarter showed a 4.8 percent increase and total revenue showed a 4.7 percent increase in comparison to last year. Total revenue for the Orange County lines increased by 7.2 percent compared to the FY 2010-11.

Total weekday ridership in Orange County is up 8.8 percent compared to last quarter and average weekday on-time performance was 93.6 percent. Weekday ridership comparisons are shown below:



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Quarter	OC Line	IEOC Line	91 Line	Rail 2 Rail	Total
FY 2010-11/4th Quarter (Q4)	7,346	3,732	2,375	1,573	15,026
FY 2011-12/3rd Quarter (Q3)	7,773	3,960	2,426	1,453	15,612
FY 2011-12/Q4	8,163	4,241	2,584	1,354	16,342

Total weekend ridership is up 8.9 percent and ridership totaled 4.2 million for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

Weekend ridership comparisons are shown below:

Quarter	OC Line (Saturday)		IEOC Line (Saturday)	IEOC Line (Sunday)	Total
FY 2010-11/Q4	1,072	409	415	305	2,201
FY 2011-12/Q3	882	571	355	223	2,031
FY 2011-12/Q4	896	<mark>666</mark>	514	321	2,397

Results from the fourth quarter of the 2011-2012 fiscal year show increases in weekend and weekday ridership, revenue and on-time performance for service. Metrolink serves five Southern California counties, with 55 stations, operating 163 daily trains that carry 44,000 riders each weekday. There are three lines that serve Orange County providing 48 trains and carrying 16,000 passengers daily.

#### **Board Delays Voting for I-405 Improvement Project Alternative**

After public input from more than 30 Orange County residents and a staff update from OCTA CEO Will Kempton, the board decided to postpone selecting a preferred alternative for the I-405 Improvement Project.

The three options under consideration include:

- Alternative 1: Adds one regular lane in each direction between Euclid Street and I-605
- Alternative 2: Includes the regular lane in Alternative 1 and adds a second northbound lane between Brookhurst Street and SR-22/7<sup>th</sup> Street, and a southbound lane between Seal Beach Boulevard and Brookhurst Street
- Alternative 3: Includes the regular lane from Alternative 1 and adds one express lane in each direction between SR-73 and I-605

The board is now scheduled to select a locally preferred alternative at its Oct. 22 meeting.



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# Board Honors Employees of the Month



Ronald Wolff was named coach operator of the month for achieving 25 years of safe driving. Wolff is a safe, reliable and professional employee that ensures the customers are always put first. His excellent attendance record and his dedication to his job and customers have earned him recognition for the month of September.



John Dicag was named maintenance employee of the month for his innovative contributions, service and commitment. Dicag demonstrates a positive attitude and is a leader among his peers. Dicag has experience in all aspects of the maintenance field and his attention to detail contributes to his high desire to excel.



Jennifer O'Connor was named administrative employee of the month for excelling in her duties as a marketing program administrator. O'Connor demonstrates the highest level of professionalism and integrity in all of her work promoting bus ridership and helping to coordinate communication with customers.

# Board Honors Sheriff's Department Employee of the Quarter



Deputy Saul Cardenas was honored as the Sheriff's Department employee of the quarter. Cardenas has been with the Orange County Sheriff's Department for 17 years. Deputy Cardenas is currently assigned to the Fixed Route Enforcement team and has a strong desire to serve the needs of the public. Deputy Cardenas is a team player and works closely with OCTA coach operators and customers to monitor the safety and

security of OCTA bus operations. He also performs various specialized operations for OCTA, including Angels Express Train Operations and Rail Safe Operations.